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## FOUR INDICTED IN CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE FIVE KILOS OF COCAINE

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that four Mexican citizens living in the Kansas City area were indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiring to distribute five kilograms of cocaine.

Samuel Santos-Arzola, 25, a Mexican citizen living in Independence, Mo., Dare Salcido-Dominguez, 21, a Mexican citizen living in Kansas City, Mo., Maria Salcido-Corral, 38, a Mexican citizen living in Wichita, Kan., and Ramona Pacheco-Paredes, 37, a Mexican citizen living in Great Bend, Kan., were charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that the co-defendants conspired to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine between Jan. 1 and May 8, 2005.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Santos-Arzola**, **Salcido-Dominguez** and **Salcido-Corral** possessed with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine on May 3, 2005.

Count Three of the federal indictment alleges that **Pacheco-Paredes** possessed with intent to distribute five kilograms or more of cocaine on May 4, 2005.

Graves cautioned that the charges contained in this indictment are simply accusations and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charges must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Kathleen D. Mahoney. It was investigated by the Drug Enforcement Administration.

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